March 11, 1974

Mr. Irv Drasnin
CBS News
51 West 52nd St.
New York, N.Y. 10019

Dear Mr. Drasnin:

As a newswriter and an American interested in China, congratulations on a fine 1-hour documentary, Shanghai.

Concentrating on one family was a big help in making China seem more personal and easier to grasp.

But most important, your approach, and the results, were balanced. Too many journalists return from mainland China overwhelmed by the progress, but leaving the price the Chinese perhaps are paying for it out of their coverage.

When television news combines objectivity with vivid and fascinating visuals, it's hard to beat. Shanghai was an hour in this tradition.

Sincerely,

Doug Domeier

Dallas, Texas

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March 22, 1974

Mr. Irv Drasnin
CBS NEWS
524 West 57th Street
New York, N.Y. 10019

Dear Irv:

I had to at least drop you a late note to say what a fine job I thought you did on "Shanghai." It was such a vivid picture I could only applaud your decision to stay in a single city and concentrate on it. And, of course, Shanghai was a fascinating city to look at.

I especially liked the touches that succeeded in fleshing out the story, such as finding the past in a second-hand store for foreigners. Your script managed to be informative and still be absorbing, and I thought the technical quality of the production was unusually high--good color, skillful use of sound (the bells and the horns).

I believe KPIX broadcast the show with a Chinese language simulcast, and got a good deal of press in the Chinese newspapers here.

What I can't understand is how we could have chatted for 20 minutes in December without you're letting slip what an interesting production you were working on.

Best regards--

George

George T. Osterkamp
Producer, Expanded Eyewitness News